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1. Three of the four MAN diesel engines (each 3000 P.S.) which were recently salvaged from a German submarine supply ship and brought to Schwermaschinenbau Karl Liebknecht (SAG AmO), Magdeburg, for overhaul and repair are now ready for use. The fourth is undergoing trials on the test-bench.
2. Great efforts are being made to push forward the completion of the steam turbines for the Russian cargo ships now under construction in Rostock. The steam engines of the ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV (formerly the German ship BERLIN) are being overhauled. During a visit at the end of September, the then Minister of Transport and Agricultural Machine Construction, Bernd Weinberger¹, laid great stress on this task.
3. The Russian Director, Leonchenkov (fnu) and Deputy Director Drobov² (fnu) are doing all they can to prevent capital investments at the plant and are even refusing to allow approved plans to go forward. On the other hand, they permit expenditures on current production.
4. A collective dump for SAG property is to be set up in Leipzig at the end of the year. In preparation for this collection, all saleable equipment at the Liebknecht plant is being registered. The German staff is using every subterfuge to conceal valuable material in order to prevent its being taken by the Russians to Leipzig or sold.
5. A booklet dealing with the raising of working standards (norms) published just before 17 June 1953 was being circulated at the end of September. It has since disappeared, and the subject has been dropped.

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1. Comment: According to newspaper reports, Bernd Weinberger was transferred to the Amt fuer Reparationen on 24 July 1953.

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2. Comment: According to previous reports, the Russian Director of Karl Liebknecht was Michael I. Yudin; the Deputy Director was Suchanov.

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